

61st round (2004-05) the estimated population of "Other Backward Classes" was 35.8% and 41.1% of the total population respectively.

(e) and (f) According to these surveys, the Scheduled Castes population has increased from 19.6% to 19.7% and Scheduled Tribes population has decreased from 8.9% to 8.4%.

Rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh

*73. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 43.36 lakh households and 13,000 habitations have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana with an estimated cost of Rs. 803 crores;

(b) if so, whether REC has sanctioned schemes for 17 districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details of districts and by when the remaining five districts are going to be covered under this programme;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for releasing first instalment to implement RGGVY in 17 districts; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in releasing first instalment to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted 22 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) covering electrification of 76319 habitations in 22 districts of State with an outlay of Rs. 804.94 crore under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 17 projects has been sanctioned, so far at the cost of Rs. 648.16 crore, covering 21,623 electrified villages for intensive electrification, 63,665 habitations and 2114,317 BPL connections. District-wise details are enclosed as Statement (See below). 5 projects have been given in principle approval of the cost of Rs. 133.63 crores covering 5215 electrified villages for intensive electrification.

(d) and (e) First instalment of an amount of Rs. 19.8 crore has already been released to Andhra Pradesh Government.

Statement*Sanctioned projects of Andhra Pradesh*

As on 23.11.2006

Sl. No.	Name of Districts	Date of Receipt	Total Cost of Project (Rs. Lakh)	Total No. of electrified villages covered for house-hold electrification	Total No. of habitations covered under the project	Total No. of connections proposed to be released to rural households (Incl. BPL HH)	No. of BPL HHs. to be electrified under the project	Name of power utility and implementing agency
1.	Visakhapatnam	23.09.05	6667.56	2620	4632	248207	204113	EPDCL
2	Guntur	23.09.05	3180.80	894	2120	151836	135273	SPDCL
3	Ananthpur	22.09.05	2355.05	926	4198	104721	51408	CPDCL
4	Khammam	23.09.05	3891.85	1245	4082	148666	132334	NPDCL
5	Mahboobnagar	3.10.05	5661.54	1477	4849	324419	220158	CPDCL
6	Srikakulam	27.09.05	5517.61	1819	4491	215971	194941	EPDCL
7	Chittoor	3.10.95	3653.20	1274	10701	201850	120186	SPDCL
8	Krishna	3.10.05	2776.05	1005	1036	168225	87774	SPDCL
9	Kadapa	3.10.05	3146.58	954	5474	165842	104205	SPDCL
10	Vizianagaram	3.10.05	4186.74	1438	3020	205774	149755	EPDCL
11	Nizamabad	3.10.05	2639.28	1050	1380	141081	60036	NPDCL
12	Kurnool	3.10.05	3718.15	902	928	219554	135203	CPDCL
13	West Godavari	6.10.05	3273.04	1141	2186	223160	87831	EPDCL
14	Prakasham	10.10.05	3384.85	1067	2431	164900	127633	SPDCL
15	Nalgonda	10.10.05	3140.16	1124	4674	116938	78352	CPDCL
16	Nellore	10.10.05	3420.91	1127	4557	201478	121931	SPDCL
17	Adilabad	14.10.05	4202.24	1760	2906	163539	103184	NPDCL
TOTAL (Andhra Pradesh):			64815.61	21623	63665	3166161	2114317	

Setting up of power plants

*74. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power plants which have been sanctioned and set up in the country, particularly in the State of Sikkim during each of the last three years;